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**ACADIANA DELEGATION ISSUES 2008 2nd EXTRAORDINARY LEGISLATIVE
SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA--The Acadiana Delegation announces highlights from the 2008 2nd Extraordinary Legislative Session.

The Legislature has made bold investments for the future generations and families in the Acadiana region. These investments were made in areas most critical to the economic vitality of our state.

The backlog of major infrastructure and economic projects of this state can now move forward. The needs of our vanishing coast and ecosystems were addressed in historical proportions. Progress was made to deflate the state's mounting unaccrued liability. Federal stimulus rebate checks for citizens were protected against state taxes. The elimination of burdensome taxes was also accelerated for business enterprises across this state.

Several appropriations were made for projects with direct impact on Acadiana parishes:

- HB46 - provides Ascension Parish with \$15,000,000 for the widening of LA 73, Jct. US 61 to Jct. I-10
- HB46 - provides Lafayette Parish with \$20,000,000 for the widening of US 90 (I-49 South Corridor)
- HB46 - provides Lafourche Parish with \$2,000,000 for improvements to the Phase II of LA 1
- HB46 - provides Terrebonne Parish with \$10,000,000 for the Port of Terrebonne for infrastructure improvements to bring 1,000 new skilled jobs to the area
- HB46 - provides a historical allocation of \$300,000,000 for hurricane protection and coastal restoration for southeast and southwest residents
- HB46 - provides \$75,000,000 for deferred maintenance repairs on college campuses across the state including: Louisiana State University at Eunice, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- HB46 - provides the twenty-two parishes across the Acadiana region with up to \$2 million in funding for preservation and maintenance of existing rural roads (Non-Federal Aid Highways Program)
- HB46 - provides \$8,900,000 under the Port Priority Program for the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District for new machinery and equipment for Bulk Terminal 1

"The legislature as a whole came forward to improve the business climate in this state. This session, in addition to the progress made from the special session on ethics, has the future of our state looking bright," commented Representative Perry.

Perry said further, "I am particularly proud of how the Acadiana Delegation came together on those issues that directly affected our districts."

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